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Cc: Goodin, John[Goodin.John@epa.gov]
From: Pendergast, Jim
Sent: Wed 6/25/2014 2:12:14 PM
Subject: RE: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) -- deadline today at 3pm

Ex. 5 - Deliberative

From: Moulta-Ali, Abu
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 10:05 AM
To: Hough, Palmer; Pendergast, Jim
Subject: RE: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) -- deadline today at 3pm

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From: Hough, Palmer

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 9:47 AM

To: Pendergast, Jim; Moulta-Ali, Abu

Subject: FW: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) -- deadline today at 3pm

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From: Hough, Palmer

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 9:30 AM

To: Loop, Travis; Holsman, Marianne; Wester, Barbara; Cassell, Peter; Cannon, Phillippa; Rowan, Anne; Swenson, Peter; Melgin, Wendy; Pendergast, Jim

Cc: Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff

Subject: RE: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) --
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From: Loop, Travis

Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 7:29 PM

To: Holsman, Marianne; Wester, Barbara; Cassell, Peter; Cannon, Phillippa; Rowan, Anne; Swenson, Peter; Melgin, Wendy; Pendergast, Jim; Hough, Palmer

Cc: Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff

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From: Holsman, Marianne

Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 3:55:10 PM

To: Loop, Travis; Wester, Barbara; Cassell, Peter; Cannon, Phillippa; Rowan, Anne; Swenson, Peter;
Melgin, Wendy; Pendergast, Jim

Cc: Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff

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From: Loop, Travis
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 12:03 PM
To: Wester, Barbara; Cassell, Peter; Cannon, Phillippa; Rowan, Anne; Swenson, Peter; Melgin, Wendy; Holsman, Marianne; Pendergast, Jim
Cc: Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff
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From: Wester, Barbara
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 2:57:39 PM
To: Cassell, Peter; Cannon, Phillippa; Rowan, Anne; Swenson, Peter; Melgin, Wendy
Cc: Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff; Loop, Travis
Subject: RE: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) -- deadline today at 3pm

Ex. 5 - Attorney Client

From: Cassell, Peter
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 1:54 PM
To: Cannon, Phillippa; Rowan, Anne; Swenson, Peter; Melgin, Wendy; Wester, Barbara
Cc: Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff; Loop, Travis
Subject: Re: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) -- deadline today at 3pm

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From: Cannon, Phillipa

Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 1:51:54 PM

To: Rowan, Anne; Swenson, Peter; Cassell, Peter; Melgin, Wendy; Wester, Barbara

Cc: Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff

Subject: RE: Questions from Rhinelander Newswatch RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c) -- deadline today at 3pm

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From: Rowan, Anne

Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 1:21 PM

To: Swenson, Peter; Cassell, Peter; Melgin, Wendy; Wester, Barbara

Cc: Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen; Kelley, Jeff; Cannon, Phillipa

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From: Swenson, Peter
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 1:07 PM
To: Cassell, Peter; Melgin, Wendy
Cc: Rowan, Anne; Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen
Subject: RE: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c)

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From: Cassell, Peter

Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 10:39 AM
To: Swenson, Peter; Maraldo, Dean
Cc: Rowan, Anne; Singer, Joshua; Deamer, Eileen
Subject: Fw: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c)

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From: Ben Meyer <bmeyer@wjfw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 9:15:57 AM
To: Cassell, Peter
Subject: Ojibwe request to EPA under 404(c)

Hi Peter,

Thanks for your help on the phone a moment ago. Attached is the letter sent by the Ojibwe tribes to the EPA asking the agency to use its authority under Section 404(C) of the Clean Water Act to stop mine permitting activities in northern Wisconsin. I did find a fact sheet about 404(C) “veto” authority on the EPA website, but I want to make sure I understand it fully. Specifically, I see that the formal process starts when the EPA Regional Administrator makes the determination to issue a public notice of a Proposed Determination to withdraw, prohibit, deny, or restrict the specification of a defined area for discharge of dredged or fill material. I’m interested in learning *how* the Regional Administrator makes that determination, *what the timeline* for that is, and *what factors* go into making that determination. I’d also like someone to walk me through the “Veto” process if that determination is made.

Moreover, not in their letter, but in anecdotal conversations, Ojibwe leaders have referenced the Pebble Mine in Alaska as a template for the EPA using 404(C) to stop a project. If I could talk to someone with knowledge of that issue, I’d appreciate it.

Ideally, I’d love to do a video Skype or phone interview. My deadline is 3pm today. Please be in touch via email or the phone number below. Thank you for your help!

Best,

Ben

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